SWIM LESSONS CRITERIA

FOR CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD







Parent Tot **Sea Otters**

Child Skills Comfortable in the water

Blow bubbles

Reach and Pull arms

Kicking

Comfortable on back

Comfortable going underwater

Jump into water w/ assistance

Supports self at wall

Comfortable in lifejacket/rings

Comfortable with instructor

Parent Skills

Know holding positions Learn about cueing child

Water Safety

Advanced Skills

Blow bubbles w/ face in the water

Frontfloat unassisted

Backfloat unassisted

Reach and pull arms unassisted

Jump into water unassisted Comfortable swimming to instructor

Preschool Level 3 Frogs

10 rhythmic bobs

Front glide with kick (7 yds)

Crawl stroke with side breathing (7 yds)

Backstroke (7 yds)

Introduction to elementary backstroke kick

Turning over

Change in direction

Combined Swim-Jump in, Swim crawl (7 yds), return to wall w/backstroke Change from a vertical to a horizontal position in water over their heads

Lifejackets



Preschool Level 1 Starfish

Able to enter and exit water unassisted

Comfortable in the water

Blow bubbles with full face in the water (5 sec)

Retrieve toy under water at arms length

Front float with assistance (5 sec)

Front float unassisted (5 sec)

Front glide (2 yds)

Backfloat with assistance (5 sec)

Backfloat unassisted (5 sec)

Back glide (2yds)

Jump in from side with assistance

Water safety rules

Lifejackets

How to get help



Preschool Level 4 Turtles

Crawl stroke w/sidebreathing (15 yds)

Backstroke (15 yds)

Elementary Backstroke (7yds)

Breaststroke kick (5 yds)

Intro to Dolphin Kick (4 yds)

Combined Swim in water over their heads

Treading Water (15 sec)



Preschool Level 2 Seahorse

5 rhythmic bobs Front glide with kick (3 vds) Crawl stroke (3 vds) Introduce side-breathing Backfloat with finning and kicking (3 yds) Begin backstroke with assistance Backstroke unassisted (3yds) Jump in from side unassisted

Water safety rules Lifejackets Pick up object off platform 3 times

Preschool Level 5 Crab

Crawl stroke (25 vds) Backstroke (25 vds) Elementary Backstroke (25 yds) Breaststroke (15 yds) Butterfly (10 yds) Learn turns Treading Water (30 sec) Underwater swim 3 body lengths Sitting dives Survival float for 20 seconds

